

the preparation of each student to pursue life-long learning. In the Curriculum and Professional Development Division of the Clark County School District, Clark High School is one of nine high schools in the district to offer magnet programs to its students which include The Academy for Mathematics, Science, Applied Technology; The Academy of Finance; and The Teacher Education Academy at Clark High.

The school's highly deserved recognition is for the admirable job the faculty of Clark High School, specifically those involved in the Academy of Mathematics, Science and Applied Technology Magnet Program, for their hard work in strengthening the math, science and technology education in their Advanced Placement classes. The faculty at Clark High School has truly done an exemplary job in preparing its students for the high tech workplace in today's global economy. For the incredible commitment they have made to the success of Academy of Mathematics, Science and Applied Technology Magnet Program, I would like to commend the following individuals: Shirley McLees, Sidney Lupu, Erin Buchner, Gabriele Ward, Nicholas Bean, Aaron Dehne, Brian Blank, Rosa Leathers, Cynthia McCoy, Nadine Gary, Donna Gonzalez, Manami Mata, Phil Bombino, Ron Jederberg, Jeff Lacoff, Brian Kahre, Leslie McNamara, and Roger West.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the Academy of Mathematics, Science and Applied Technology Magnet Program and the Advanced Placement teachers at Clark High School. Their recognition by the Siemens Foundation is truly honorable and is a direct result of the dedicated and expert faculty of the Program. I applaud their success and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

#### U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 23, 2007*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this supplemental funding bill which will for the first time assert the will of Congress and the American people to change the President's failed plan of "Stay the Course." For far too long, the President has ignored the will of the American public. In passing this bill, we will send a message to the President that this is no longer acceptable.

This legislation includes meaningful benchmarks and deadlines that provide the Iraqis with incentives to take responsibility for their own security and makes way for the return of our troops. The bill also requires the Iraqi government to take meaningful steps towards national reconciliation by distributing oil revenues fairly, providing opportunities to the Sunni minority, and amending the constitution to discourage further fragmentation.

We can no longer afford to give the President a blank check for the war in Iraq. There are thousands of brave men and women deployed overseas in harm's way right now who are depending on us. We need to put Iraqis up front, so that we can remove Americans

from the front lines. This legislation will encourage the Iraqis to stand up and be accountable for the security of their country. I urge my colleagues to support this emergency supplemental funding bill.

#### HONORING THOMAS BOGGS

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 30, 2007*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Boggs, the CEO of Huey's, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee. Huey's Restaurant is a Memphis fixture, which has been serving blues, brews and burgers to its regulars for over 35 years with great service and better people. Since 1970, Huey's has grown from a favorite local hangout in Midtown Memphis to become a highly successful family-run restaurant and bar, with locations across Greater Memphis.

Mr. Boggs began his career in music, yet another example of the rich culture of Memphis, first playing for Tommy Burk and the Counts and Flash and the Board of Directors, before joining the blue-eyed, soul group the Box Tops as drummer. The Box Tops were best known for their hits "The Letter," "Cry Like a Baby" and "Soul Deep," songs which are permanent parts of the rock and soul landscape.

Later, married with children, Thomas finished his history degree while waiting tables at T.G.I. Friday's. A business "natural", Thomas Boggs quickly moved up to Friday's corporate offices in Dallas. But the pull of his beloved Memphis was strong. Not long after returning, he moved into management at Huey's bar and, using his restaurant expertise, expanded the enterprise into a restaurant and, eventually, to seven locations.

Since Mr. Boggs came on board in 1975, Huey's has flourished. It is currently in its 22nd year as the "Best Burger" in Memphis, according to an annual ranking by Memphis Magazine. Mr. Boggs has won the highest award given by the 400 members of the Memphis Restaurant Association and the Newt Hardin Award, given for outstanding service to the restaurant industry. He also received the Jefferson Award in 2002, which is given by the American Institute for Public Service in recognition for outstanding community and public service.

Thomas Boggs has been a true public servant in Memphis, continually giving of himself to the community. He has served on the Memphis Zoo Board, the Aloysius Home board, and as chairman of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau. He served as Food and Beverage co-chair of the Blues Ball, and has served as both Vice-President and President of Memphis in May. He was president of the Memphis Restaurant Association as well as the President of the Advisory Board of the Food Bank and has been an active participant of Leadership Memphis. 2007 marks the 18th Earthquake Open, Huey's annual golf tournament which was created and is hosted by Thomas Boggs and which benefits the Memphis Zoo.

Thomas Boggs is the kind of citizen who makes us all proud. He gives his time, his energy and his heart to make his community a

better place to live. He is a credit both to his profession and his city. I'm proud to call Thomas Boggs my friend and pleased to honor him today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOTTIE WHITAKER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 30, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Dottie Whitaker for her remarkable dedication to ending prescription narcotic abuse.

Dottie began her activism as a result of the tragic and untimely death of her beloved daughter, Tammie Armato. Tammie passed away on September 14, 2005, from an accidental prescription drug overdose. Tammie became addicted to prescription pain medication while being treated by a doctor for injuries she sustained in a car accident in 1995. The doctor she had been seeing at the time of her death was unfamiliar with Tammie's health history and gave her a large prescription of two different pain medications.

After Tammie's death, Dottie learned that prescription drug overdose is a nationwide epidemic. Three out of every five individuals who attend drug rehabilitation do so for prescription drug abuse. Additionally, more people die each year as a result of prescription drug overdoses than as a result of illegal drug overdoses. Inspired to do all she could to prevent others from experiencing the terrible loss that she has suffered, Dottie created Project Tammie. Project Tammie is an organization dedicated to combating accidental prescription narcotic overdose.

In an effort to save lives and prevent other individuals and families from suffering the effects of prescription drug addiction, Dottie has become a passionate advocate for a nationwide Prescription Monitoring Program. This program will allow doctors and practitioners to become familiar with a patient's prescription drug history, other prescribing physicians, pharmacies and pertinent information before prescribing narcotics. A number of states have already established statewide Prescription Monitoring Programs, but Dottie believes the only way to truly prevent prescription drug abuse and overdoses is to establish a nationwide program. Through Project Tammie, Dottie has worked tirelessly to create awareness and gain support for legislation that would require all states to set up Prescription Monitoring Programs. Dottie's hope is that this program would not only prevent patients from "doctor shopping," but would also help practitioners recognize addiction and help patients seek treatment.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dottie Whitaker for her efforts in organizing Project Tammie. In the face of a heartbreaking loss, she has chosen to make a difference and find a solution that will help others. She is an inspiring example of strength, courage and selflessness. Her dedication and tireless activism is truly commendable. I applaud her outstanding commitment to this important issue and wish her the best in her future endeavors.